

Richard Smith House
Elsinboro Township, Salem County, New Jersey
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Owner: Mr. Harold H. Smith

Date of Erection: 1729

Architect:

Builder: Richard Smith

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half for brick portion;
two stories for frame section (recent)

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The house was built by Richard Smith, a grandson of John Smith one of the pioneer immigrants with Fenwick. The Friends records has the following interesting account of the original settler:

"John Smith Sonn of John Smith was borne in the County of Northfock in the towne of diff on the 20th of the seventh month 1623; who in process of time tooke to wife Martha Craftos daughter of Christopher Craftos of worksay in nothingham Shire, who Afterward transported themselves with

four Children to West new Jersey in America, on bord the Ship called the griffin of london, Robert griffin being master who all Arrived in delaware River the 23 of the 9th mo. 1675, and so to new Salem in the province of west new jersey where they did inhabitt."

The grayish red brick shades on the west gable are peculiar to this house, it also has a diamond design. The west elevation also shows that the original story and a half house with hip roof was raised to a two story and a one-half house with a pitch roof.

The building is situated in the west angle formed by the junction of the road leading from Hancock's Bridge to Salem and the Amblebury Road in Elsinboro Township.

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